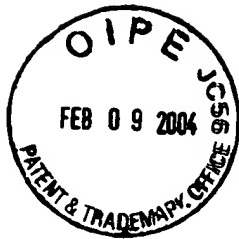


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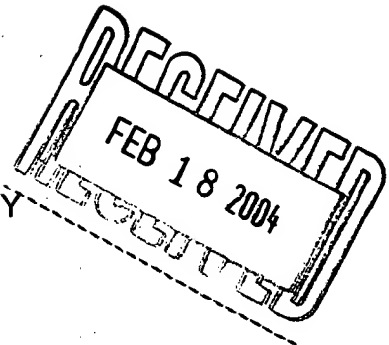
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ELECTROPHORETIC DEPOSITION"  
Filed: January 6, 2000  
Art Unit: 1774  
Examiner: J. M. Gray  
Docket No.: 99-379-US



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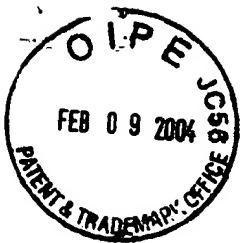
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In response to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered and the accompanying remarks be considered. A Petition requesting an extension of three months through and including February 5, 2004, is submitted herewith. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

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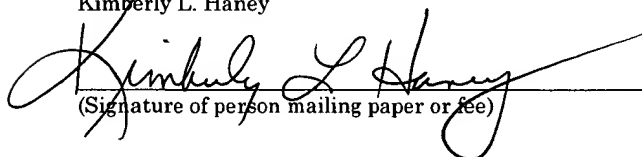
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